

Watershed Committee of the Ozarks, Inc.

Monthly Meeting Minutes

September 2, 2016

Midtown Carnegie Library

Meeting Called to Order at 7:33 AM

Watershed Committee Update—Mr. Dove opened the meeting. Mr. Kromrey said the October meeting will be held at the Watershed Center, the Summer Newsletter is out and the website is updated.

Roll Call

Review of Minutes — August minutes were reviewed.

“Protect, preserve, and provide: how youth education and the Parks, Soils, and Water Sales Tax Support

Missouri, Rob Hunt, Education Coordinator with MDNR, and Holly Neill with the Nature Conservancy— Mr. Hunt said the goals of the Youth Education & Interpretation program are 1) Prioritize, development and implement educational resources and make them accessible, 2) Increase capacity within the agency for program delivery and 3) Partner with key organizations that will enhance education and interpretation. Examples are the monarch butterfly conservation efforts and River Relief. Ms. Neill talked about the importance of the Parks, Soils and Water Sales tax and encouraged everyone to vote yes. She also talked about the Paddle Missouri event taking place September 24-28 on the Missouri River.

Missouri Department of Conservation Update—Mr. Austin gave an update on hydrilla, zebra mussels and new smallmouth bass regulations.

Regional Issues—Mr. Hillmer said there were new web resources available, Diana Sheridan talked about women in agriculture in Missouri.

Other Business— none

Meeting adjourned 8:25 a.m.

Minutes taken by Mike Kromrey